

# Will Winter Bring Smoke-Filled Bathrooms?

"Leave Education

to the Educators"

- Congressman  
Williams

Mar News has taken a survey to determine the views of administrators, teachers and students on the latest smoking rules.

Last year smoking was forbidden and conditions were disgraceful. This year smoking is permitted in certain areas around the school provided students discard trash and butts in their proper places.

Of the twelve faculty members interviewed all agreed the new rules benefit the school but are not necessarily for the well being of the students. Several teachers believed the rules needed revision but did not give any concrete suggestions.

All of the twelve students questioned, with the exception of two, agreed

that the lounges are a great improvement. Excen-tions included those who miss a couple of drags before heading for their next class.

Most teachers felt the designated areas appeared fairly clean. Only one teacher claimed the areas were not clean enough.

Surprisingly, most students felt that the areas are not being kept as clean as they should be.

One out of four teachers questioned had a complaint as to lateness of students because of smoking allowances.

The last and hottest question asked concerned winter and the problems of cold, snowy weather. Most faculty members said they believe the students will

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United States Congress-man Lawrence G. Williams spoke on "The American Political Educational System -New Directions" at a teachers' In-Service Program on September 4.

Congressman Williams told teachers they have one of the most important jobs in the country. He said teachers are too often blamed for everything that goes wrong in the classroom.

A strong believer in homework and respect, Mr. Williams feels students should come to school to learn.

Teachers should work to achieve the needs of all MN students,' were the Congressman's final words.

National problems with education were also discussed. Congressman Williams believes the quality of education in a school is more dependent on the school's location than it's racial balance. He feels the money spent on busing should be used to better education.

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Ex-Rugby Player,  
Professional Singer  
Join Marple Faculty

Mr. John Mitchell has joined the History Department of Marple Newtown.

Originally from northeast Philadelphia, Mr. Mitchell attended LaSalle High School and then went to St. Joseph's College.

He attained his Bachelor's degree in history from St. Joseph's.

Mr. Mitchell was a part of the student government at St. Joseph's and also played rugby there.

Having taken graduate work at the University of Georgia, Mr. Mitchell is now working on his Masters.

Another new addition to the faculty is Mrs. Joan Smith, a Reading and English teacher.

Mrs. Smith is originally from Syracuse and has seven years of teaching experience.

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# News

MARPLE NEWTOWN  
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## STUDENT COUNCIL RESPONSIBLE FOR SMOKING AREA CLEAN-UP

The role of student council relating to government and school policies has not been fully determined. Therefore the cleaning of smoking lounges has temporarily become the responsibility of the Executive Council.

"I said student council would be in charge of cleaning smoking lounges, not that they would do it themselves," explains Bob Dezmelyk, President of Executive Council.

The Executive Council is a member of The Smoking Committee, which also consists of administrators and concerned PTA members. Therefore, Student Council is partly obligated to clean the lounges.

Mr. Capriotti, however, is assured there will be no clean-up problems. The Alternative Committee, a group of conscientious students, has already volunteered for clean-up. Dave McEwan, senior class president, Bob Dezmelyk, and some smokers themselves have been seen sweeping up the debris.

"If you're concerned, then you get involved," say's Dave McEwan.

But are the roles of the Council officials and the class officers still unresolved? Mr. Best explains class officers as coordinators of the prom, funds, and



S.C. President Joins Working Class

the class project. "But the Student Council is the government," he adds.

Dezmelyk has outlined a year-long program which includes the re-establishment of Student Council as student government and the "promotion of anti-cynicism throughout the student body."

"Two or three people can take care of general business," reason Bob. He believes good representa-

tives are necessary for an active government.

Last year the Executive Council made decisions and representatives merely informed the student body about them. This year, according to Bob, no representatives will be merely INFORMERS - they will become activists in organized meetings.

Mrs. Egner, the Student  
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# FROM EDITOR'S DESK

At last, the student body of MN has been granted smoking lounges. Finally, non-smokers can breathe again and the restrooms are fairly clean. However, everyone is so preoccupied with this novelty that they have lost sight of other tasks that need to be accomplished.

Take, for instance, lunch periods. Almost everyone will agree that lunch periods are too short. It was disclosed last year by Dr. Sauers that MN counts the eight minutes to and from lunch to meet the state time requirement. This means we have only 22 minutes for lunch. A relaxed pace is a necessity when eating. It has been argued that to increase the length of each lunch period would extend the present school day by at least twenty minutes. Has the administration ever with determination tried to solve this problem another way? So far they haven't.

Another problem, although not in the immediate future is just as important. Must there be two finals on the same day? This question has always perplexed me and has never been answered. Couldn't we have just one per day? Also, upon completing our finals, why couldn't we return home to study or relax? Last year Springfield High School had buses running before and after each final. These two changes would reduce the enormous pressure faced by students during the test period.

These are just two examples, there are many questions still left unanswered. For instance: Why can't classes be held outdoors in nice weather without special permission? Why can't field trips be taken to enrich a class? Why isn't there a common area for students to go to instead of study hall? Why aren't there any class trips? Why can't choir and band meet during the school day like other accredited subjects? Why isn't there a work-study program for seniors? These questions will remain unanswered unless students show more interest and Mr. Capriotti continues his support.

Sherri McCandless

## Magazine Sale

### Underway

Plans for the annual fund raising magazine sale were discussed by the junior class officers at a meeting on Thursday, September 13.

Mr. Lauder, the salesman from the Perfect Subscription Company, talked to the officers about the sales.

The sales procedures were explained to the junior class at a meeting on September 18.

Prizes will be awarded to the people who sell a certain number of subscriptions. The prizes range from mugs, to stereos, to a trip to the Pro Bowl.

The magazines that will be sold are major newsstand publications.

Plans for the Junior Prom were also discussed at a meeting held after school on Monday, October 1, in room 106.

The deposit of ten dollars must be in by September 20 for the class rings.

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She obtained her Bachelor's degree in English Education from St. Lawrence University.

While in Syracuse, Mrs. Smith sang professionally for the Syracuse Symphony Opera Chorus and also directed choirs.

Mrs. Smith also taught piano and was an organist at her church.

Mrs. Smith obtained her Masters from Syracuse University.

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"Leave education to the educators" was Congressman Williams' opinion on the involvement of the Federal Government in education.

After his speech, Congressman Williams answered questions put forth by a Panel of Reactors. Panelists included Mrs. Miriam Bedein, Mrs. Jean Hickey, Mrs. Barbara Stauts and Miss Ruth Plotkin.

Dr. Vincent J. Sauers, moderator, ended the reaction period when a debate on alternative education began.

## THE TIGER'S



## EYE

Poor student! Last year he recalls requesting placement in English I, Biology, and Western Cultures. On the first day, the noise box commences speaking. Our student is not listening, but it doesn't matter; no one is listening. Not even the teacher is paying any attention.

The teacher decides to distribute the schedules. He was instructed to give out the schedules half an hour ago; but of course he didn't hear it then.

The speaker assures him, in soothing tones it would be all right. "Just follow your schedule for a week, and we'll straighten it out."

O.K. He'll give it a try. Let's see, third period. Oh my God! There are nine third periods! And six of them are third semester! Ohhhhh, I see! Third means first and second! Now it's as clear as Los Angeles on a busy day.

O.K., O.K. What's today?

Thursday. That must be T. What? Well what in hell is R? R is Thursday? Well then what is T? Tuesday? T should be Thursday, man! I can't keep following R's around.

All right! All right!

I'll do it. Thursday third

period, third semester-Calculus! What? But I can't go to Calculus! Well, what do I have next? Hey! I also have gym, R, first semester, third period. But if I go to gym I'll get detention for cutting Calculus! What other courses do



I have? Biology. Good. I asked for it. What period? First, second, and third Monday and ninth Thursday? Why did they do that? Because I have all my gym on Tuesday and a triple period of Basket Weaving Wednesday.

I don't even have lunch on Tuesday. But I have three lunches Friday. And one is during first period!

Our student shrugs, goes down to one of the new smoking areas, and burns his schedule. Then he goes down to Mr. Shafer (the one vice to have, when you're having more than one).

"I didn't get a schedule."

"Just have a seat at the end of the line, son..."



MY MARK



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Fend for yourself! That is my advice to anyone planning to visit his counselor. Unless you are looking for a schedule change or registering for a test, don't expect to be satisfied with your counselor's solution to your dilemma. Perhaps through no fault of his own, the title counselor is nothing more than that - a title. Clerk might be more appropriate.

Attempting to find a summer science program for high school students, I left a few minutes later knowing no more than I knew upon entering. If a guidance counselor doesn't know about such programs, who does know?

I didn't give up. After checking around the school, cross-examining two students who had previously attended such summer programs, and two months of letter writing, I finally collected some data. A little pamphlet stapled to the bulletin board in the science hall had the complete listing of programs. The information was around the corner from the counseling suite the whole time yet no one knew of it.

Other high schools had several students attending these programs. I feel as if our students have been cheated out of a great opportunity.

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Dear Editor,

Early Monday morning we were all greeted with another of the counselors' gems, the opinion-survey test. The purpose of this test was to help decide "in which direction to lead our lives" by such pertinent questions as "Do you press hard when using a lead pencil?"; "Do you like raw carrots or cooked carrots?"; or "Do you sometimes take steps two at a time?"

I felt stereotyped when I had to classify each question as either completely true or completely false. I consider it an insult for anyone to think a test of this nature could actually play a role in any future decisions I might make. I became extremely frustrated from wasting an hour on such a worthless exam. I think the best solution to this problem would be for the counselors to waste their own time taking this test so they too could answer "T" to "I sometimes feel like swearing."

Sue Webb

## Band-a-Rama Scheduled

Marple Newtown band members are preparing for the annual Band-a-rama. It will be held Saturday, September 29.

The band has hosted this competition for local bands for many years. Chichester, Springfield, and Nether Providence are a few of the schools that will be represented by their bands.

In preparation for this and their half-time performances, MN band members practiced for several days this summer. Much to the band members' chagrin, Band Camp was August 17, 18, 19, and 20; during the heat wave. An all-day picnic and practice session culminated the daily practices.

Earlier this summer the band competed for various honors at Virginia Beach. During the three day trip, June 17-22, the band netted a first prize in parade and placed fourth out of twelve in the overall competition which consists of concert, field, and sight reading.

# FIGHT FAT IN MN CLUB

"Sensible, supervised, psychological-oriented fat-fighters' is how Ms. McCook, high school nurse, describes the school's newest club, Weight Watchers.

Randy Dicher, organizer of the club, explains the idea originated with Ms. McCook last year.

"She was never a weight watcher herself", says Randy about Ms. McCook, "She was very concerned about teenage girls who suffered from varicose veins and high blood pressure caused by excess weight."

## PYE

## Works for Cleaner World

The Protect Your Environment Club (PYE), winner of President Nixon's Award of Excellence and a number of other national awards had a very active summer.

PYE continued its recycling program throughout the summer, collecting glass the second Saturday of each month in the parking lot of the Two Guys Department Store in Broomall. Over 40 tons of glass were collected.

In addition, the Club worked for passage of better environmental protection legislation pertaining to strip mining, resource recovery and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. PYE's information service was particularly active, with a record number of requests for information being made in the month of August. Over 500 pieces of literature were distributed in August alone.

Locally, the club's representatives worked out details for organizing a sister PYE Club at Cardinal O'Hara High School. The PYE Club also assisted the Lansdowne-Aldan Ecology Organization with financial aid to implement a water conservation program.

Plans for this year include expansion of educational and recycling activities, more work on local, state and national legislation, and a new program of

Though not an official weight watchers club it will be similar to the international organization.

Randy plans to incorporate her own dietician's plan and exercise program into the club.

Clubs guidelines must be presented to one's family physician and permission granted before becoming a member.

Dr. Plotkin, a local physician, is the class advisor, and Ms. McCook is the sponsor as well as a member.

"Some teachers have joined already," remarks Randy.

"No, I don't really expect boys to come, though they're welcome. Girls aren't the only ones who need to lose weight."

Members are expected to be faithful and attend each meeting so they can weigh-in. A minimum of one weigh-in per week is mandatory.

Weight watchers International was founded by Jean Nidetch in 1961. Jean was shocked into losing weight when an acquaintance saw her in a supermarket and congratulated her on being pregnant.

She joined an obesity clinic but failed to lose weight. In desperation Jean met with several best friends and Weight Watchers International was born.

The idea grew and in 1972 the corporation had a gross revenue of nearly \$15 million.

Apparently the Weight Watchers continues to gain as its members continue to lose.

environmental law enforcement. The club's officers, elected last June, are Steve Becker, President; Deb Zanner and Dave Fry, Vice-Presidents; Kathy Wilson and Jean Yntema, Secretaries; and Ron Kolotello, Treasurer. Mrs. T. Schmitt of the Science Department is acting as Advisor.

The Protect Your Environment Club meets every Tuesday after school in room 42b. Membership is open to the public and all students are welcome.

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# Letters: cont.

Dear Editor:

After many years of vigorously pushing for the privilege of smoking areas in Marple Newtown, I hate to see a minority of selfish individuals ruin the novelty for everyone.

The bathrooms were spotless the first two days of school. This change was gratefully appreciated by the non-smokers who put up with the mess in previous years. But low and behold, on that fateful third day, the sink was stuffed with the usual cigarette debris. I simply stared unbelievably for a few seconds at the mess before grabbing the nearest paper towel with which to destroy the incriminating evidence.

The shock of how naive some kids are has not yet worn off. The smoking areas are available for use, but it seems that some people just don't want to be bothered walking that far before lighting up. Don't these kids realize that if their smoking privilege is abused the administration will abolish it and resort to matrons in the bathrooms or even more drastic steps?

The last thing I wanted to bring into the open is the attitude taken by many people when the topic of cleaning up the smoking areas was mentioned. A plea for volunteers was made to keep the areas decent, and the study hall I was in at the time was filled with snickers and smart remarks from every table. I would not mind pushing a broom if it would keep the cigarette ashes where they belong, but

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# Bathrooms Rediscovered

I stood nervously in front of the door. Not knowing what lay behind that frontier, I tried to keep my courage. I kept repeating, "This time I'll do it. I'm going to walk right in and find out exactly what it was that had lured hundreds of screaming students to this place between classes last year."

Having heard all the stories regarding what went on inside, I was eager to experience it myself. Friends told me tales of teachers dragging red-eyed students from its limits and then literally dumping them in Mr. Williams' office. They wouldn't be seen for three days, and upon returning they would frequent the place with as much enthusiasm as before.

I'd witnessed curling smoke pouring out of the vents in the door, and I'd smelled the sickly sweet odor that filled the hallways surrounding it.

Once I ventured to peek inside, but I was greeted only by a lungful of smoke. A few seconds later I found myself deaf from the fracas within. Immediately I rushed to the nurse to be treated with aspirin and a late pass to gym.

Maybe I had walked in on a revolutionary group planning to overthrow the administration. Oh well, I'll never know until I go in.

Meekly, I opened the door and ventured past its frame. So far I was breathing normally and I still had my hearing. I looked around. It was deserted. What a strange place. What a bad smell. Wait a minute. I-It's a bathroom. Marple Newtown has bathrooms! Well I'll be a ---. And to think of all the times I suffered through class!



Stacy Smith '73

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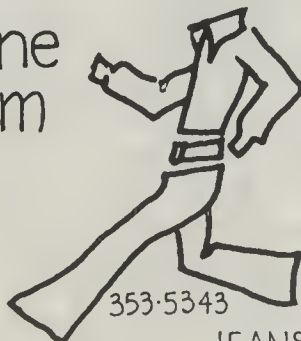
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## ¿ HABLA ESPAÑOL?

If you see a girl wandering around the school a little lost, chances are she is Laura Rodríguez, an exchange student from Mexico. Laura has been in the United States almost a month now, thanks to the Rotary Club exchange program.

Laura's American "family" first learned she was coming to stay with them last July. Their initial reaction of excitement matched Laura's. However, she now says she misses her family and friends (a little) and would like to see them again. How about a boyfriend? "Oh, no!" Laura

quickly exclaims. She feels a girl of fifteen is too young to have a boyfriend.

There's been a change in climate for Laura since she left her hometown of Saltillo Coahuila. Laura says of her home, "No hace calor, no hace nieve. Es muy bien clima." In other words, "It isn't hot. It doesn't snow. It's a good climate."

Many teachers and students have been learning to communicate through non-verbal forms of communication. Laura's knowledge of English is limited to such words as "Thank you" and "goodbye." However, this language barrier has not kept Laura from taking courses in which she is interested.

After school is finished, Laura is thinking of traveling through the United States. Then sometime next summer she will head south of the border and return home to Mexico.

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Council advisor, feels that in the past the student body's apathy in electing true leaders as representatives was reflected by the apathy within the Student Council.

Another problem facing Student Council is the past use of its treasury. Supporting school clubs by raising funds is a financial obligation of the Council representatives. In the past, little of the treasury, now totaling nearly two thousand dollars, has been used.

Dezmelyk plans to spend the entire treasury constructively, and then return the same amount before the year ends. Without this plan, the activities of student government would be curtailed.

Those who recall the Famiglio Council of 71-72 can see the reasoning behind Dezmelyk's plans. Famiglio employed illicit methods. The Dezmelyk Council, on the other hand, will be a self-governing body whose decisions will be presented without subtle or scandalous actions.

Open study halls, unfortunately, will probably not be a goal for this council. Although Dezmelyk favors them, the percentage of unaccountable students will increase and most probably, the number of vandalism and accidents. Mr. Capriotti also favors open study halls. "But unlike some newer schools," he comments, "there is no place to send the students."

## More Letters ...

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the responsibility should fall naturally to the kids who made the mess in the first place. It seems to be a vicious cycle, and the bathrooms will again be filled with smoke.

Signed,  
A Non-Smoker

## POLL

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take to the bathrooms again. One opinion was that the cooperation and maturity the students have shown so far will help find a solution to the winter problem. To wait and have a meeting of school officials and student representatives if the smoking should get out of hand was one teacher's advice. Other faculty members felt this will not be necessary. There is protection from precipitation and winds in all the areas except that of the cafeteria.

The outlook of the students questioned was not a bright one. All said they

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Perhaps that incident is too individualized but it is just one example. How many students know about achievement tests? Many found out too late that they should be taken as soon as possible after the completion of a course. The best subject to take them on is rarely known either.

These are just simple examples. I'm sure you can quote many more.

At any rate, wise - up; don't be dependent on your counselor. If you want something done right, do it yourself.

Concerned Student

Editor's note: counselors are invited to reply in reference to this letter.

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would move back to the bathrooms if winter weather proved formidable. Six believed that this would result in suspension and six felt such abuse would end their privileges.

## Field Hockey Team: Ready, Willing, and Able

Sports excitement during the fall at Marple Newtown is not to be cornered exclusively by boys' teams such as football and soccer.

There's plenty of roughnecking by the Girl's Field Hockey team down on the lower field everyday after school.

The J.V. and Varsity teams appear ready and willing to take on their opponents September 25 at Ridley. The Third and Fourth team begin their season the following day, meeting head-on with Conestoga's team here at home.

The hopes for this season as expressed by Misa Madigan, "The team did very well last year (record of 4-1-3), but I'm hoping they will do even better this year."

The key to success appears to lie in the facet of working together as a team instead of individuals out for personal achievement.

Along with Misa Madigan, Varsity coach, the newcomer to our school, Misa DiSerafino, is replacing

Mrs. Stake as Junior Varsity coach.

The co-captains of the Field Hockey Team this year, Jeanne Rotoloni and Jane Fortesque, agree that a combination of team effort plus the returning forward and defensive lines exhibit potential for an undefeated

season.

In talking with a few of the other Varsity Team members, including Sue Patrick and Gail Gretzmacher, it was found that most of the girls share the optimism expressed by their co-captains.



MN Fans Show Spirit

# SPORTERGATE:

## Is it a Reality?

It used to be that no one ever suspected that sports in general were a corrupt enterprise. Politics had always been suspect, but until the advent of Watergate, one never thought that the same type of atmosphere—called sportergate—could be occurring simultaneously.

### Cross Country

#### Loses to Harriton

September 17 marked the opening day of the MN Cross Country season.

Although the Tigers lost to Harriton, fine performances were turned in by three Tiger runners.

Jim Clellano was a surprise in finishing first for the team and fifth overall.

Bruce Reminger and co-captain Steve Hamilton both ran well.

Other Varsity runners were co-captain Lee Diestelow, Evan Chang, Bill Passman, and Scott Silverman.

JV runners were Rich Ryskamp, Howard Lazarus, Ron Kolotello, and Bob Specca.

The loss was a disappointment, and the team will try to get on the winning track in upcoming meets with Garnet Valley, Haverford, and Upper Darby.

Even with the loss to Harriton, the team appears to be an improvement over last year's squad. The team will be having their home meets at the Rose Tree Country Club due to the expansion of the Dunwoody Home, which was the site of the regular home course.

What is Sportergate? Actually, the concept of Sportergate is a new one. It could have started anytime during the seventies.

It probably began during the Olympics in Munich when Rick Dumont was deprived of a gold medal in a swimming event. A physical examination showed he had taken a drug to prevent an asthmatic attack. The drug was prohibited by the Olympic committee.

Or it could have begun when U.S. boxers lost some very questionable bouts, or when U.S. divers got poorer ratings from judges representing iron-curtain countries.

Since the Munich Olympics, Sportergate has become more and more widespread.

Then in 1973, The University of Oklahoma football team was punished for violations of NCAA rules.

The winner of the Soapbox Derby, a young people's prestigious event for many years, was disqualified for cheating.

About the same time, the Little League World Series champions of Taiwan were accused of playing with overage players.

And locally, of course our latest arch-rival, Cardinal O'Hara has been alleged to have started football workouts earlier than athletic regulations permit.

Have sports gone the route of American politics? Is winning really everything?

Perhaps the various coaches of our school teams can answer some of these questions.

S. Farber

## O'HARA PROFITS ON FUMBLE, BEATS MARPLE TIGERS 8-0

In the opening game of the MN football season, cardinal O'Hara eeked out a narrow victory over the Tigers by the score of 8-0.

The game was basically a series of long O'Hara drives as the powerful Lion team pushed the Tigers against their own end zone. The Lions were unable to score, however, because of both penalties and the Tigers' clutch defensive plays. However, the Tiger offensive was at best lukewarm.

Bartlett and Burke Maze sharing the quarterbacking duties. Bartlett threw for 47 yards, and Joe Basile gained 44 yards rushing. Total team rushing was 62 yards on 30 attempts.

Tiger defenders gave a fair account of themselves. Co-Captain Mark Saracino blocked a Lion punt. Ed Cini interceded a Lion pass and Dave Seagraves knocked down several long passes. Joe Basile playing both offense and defense, led the team in tackles with 14.



The game entered the final minutes with Cardinal O'Hara stalled on the Tiger nine yard line. Soon after, Joe Basile fumbled and the Lions recovered with 25 seconds remaining in the game. Lion back Mike Marcisse scored from the three yard-line, and the two point conversion made the score 8-0.

Tiger offense was rather lackluster, with Pete

Chris Chase and Jeff Sultzer also made some key plays.

The game was played before a capacity-plus crowd.

Cardinal O'Hara, by winning the game earned the right to keep the Tom Cat trophy for one year. Should any team win three years in a row, it earns the right to permanent possession of the traveling trophy.

## Soccer Team 2-1 in Non-League Matches

Marple Newtown's soccer team opened the '73 season with an impressive 3-1 non-league victory over Norristown.

Goals were scored by Paul Sperry, George Dallas, and Mark Conroy.

The Tiger 11 then traveled to Chester for another non-league match. Once again, Tiger offense came through, helping MN to a 5-1 victory. The long list of goal-scores includes Dave Pierce, Ted Pappas,

Mark Conroy, Glen McNeill, and George Dallas. Pete Johnson and Joe Maher shared goaltending duties and limited Chester to only one goal.

In the third non-league game, MN did not fare quite as well, bowing before Nether-Providance by a 3-0 score. MN's offense came close but could not score, while Nether-Providance's powerful attack netted three scores.

### Broomall Jewelers

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